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UN: As things now stand the US will find rough going in the Security Council Middle East debate that comes up in about three weeks. The Arabs are likely to pursue any or all of the following courses:

--Request that Resolution 242, the basis for UN efforts to work out a Middle East settlement, be interpreted to require Israeli withdrawal from all occupied territories.

--Propose resolutions condemning Israel for failure to respond to the initiatives of special UN envoy Jarring and for its actions in the occupied territories, and calling upon UN members to withhold military assistance from Israel.

--Attempt to create new UN mediatory mechanisms; this could take the form of a mandate for the secretary-general to plan a Middle East peace conference, or to form a four-member mediatory team or an ad hoc committee to replace Jarring.

Given the current composition of the Security Council, the Arabs probably could muster enough votes to pass these measures unless the US vetoes them. Although the Arabs might face some difficulty in reinterpreting the basic authorization for UN efforts on a Middle East settlement, they would have more than the necessary nine votes for condemnation of Israel or for new mediatory mechanisms. In any case, the session will provide the Arabs with a forum to bring pressure on the US to take new initiatives and could provide them with a temporary alternative to resuming military hostilities.

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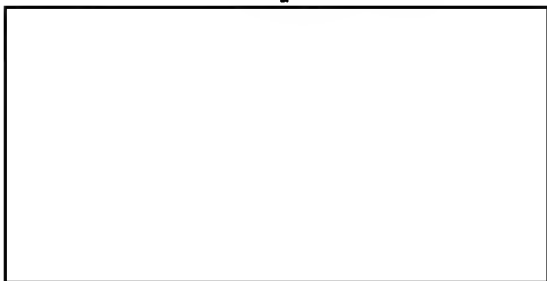
25X1 Peru: Widespread labor protests anticipated on Monday are likely to bring a sharp government reaction, particularly if the strikers stage violent incidents. [] 25X1

Malaysia-Indonesia: President Suharto and Malaysian Prime Minister Razak on 5-6 May will hold talks in Indonesia on bilateral cooperation. They are expected to discuss relations with China, and the Philippine Muslim problem. [] 25X1

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